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Title: HYDRAULIC CONTROL
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HOSPITAL BED

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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed.
2. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney:
 - ☐ is being filed with this application.
 - ☒ was filed in the prior application, and a copy is enclosed herewith.
3. ☐ A Statement of Status as a Small Entity
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4. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.16 (a))				\$740	\$740
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	19	- 20 =	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4	- 3 =	1	\$84	\$84
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT	(37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))			\$280	
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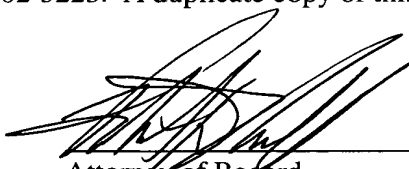
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6. ☐ Request for _____ Month extension of time in Application No. _____
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7. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed to cover the extension of time.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-20 of the prior application.
10. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a ☒ continuation ☐ division of application Serial No.09/311,466 filed May 13, 1999, which is expressly incorporated herein by reference.
11. ☒ The original application was assigned from the inventors to Hill-Rom, Inc.
12. ☐ An assignment of the invention is enclosed herewith.
13. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the recordation fee for the assignment is enclosed.
14. ☐ Request For Non-Publication and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(1)
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17. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
18. ☐ A PTO Form 1449 is enclosed with copies of _____ cited references.
19. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during prosecution of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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